



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HARTLEY et al.

Appl. No.: (To be assigned; Rule 53(b) Continuation of U.S. Appl. No. 09/177,387)

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Recombinational Cloning Using

Nucleic Acids Having Recombination Sites Art Unit: (T

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Examiner:

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

In advance of prosecution in the above identified matter, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 6, after "present application" please insert -- Is a continuation of U.S.

Application No. 09/177,387, filed October 23, 1998, which

At page 2, please delete the text at lines 16-18 in its entirety.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-51, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.